

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-2174

Hoffmanville Store

20500 Gunpowder Road

Millers, Baltimore County

Circa 1860

Private

The Hoffmanville Store was historically located in the village of Paper Mill Post Office in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. The store does not appear on the 1850 J.C. Sidney Map of Baltimore County, but is mentioned in deeds as early as 1860. At this time, the store was owned by a member of the Hoffman family, one of the large paper-mill families in the area. William H. Hoffman owned three paper mills in the vicinity, the Clipper, the Gunpowder, and the Rockdale Paper-Mills. In the towns of Paper Mill Post Office and Rockdale, W. H. Hoffman and Sons employed a large percentage of the population, totaling nearly two hundred employees. Located along Gunpowder Road, the store was first noted on the 1877 Hopkins Atlas. Oral history indicates that the store was also used as the post office for the town.

Facing southeast along Gunpowder Road, this dwelling was constructed circa 1860 in a rural setting in a small crossroads community. It is sited on a large grassy lot surrounded by mature trees and shrubs with landscaping around the house and numerous stone piers along the road. The first period of construction consists of a three bay wide building with a side gable asphalt shingle roof and a center passage entrance. The second period was made lateral to the east elevation, adding three additional bays. Today, the house is six bays across, with asymmetrical fenestration, two entrances, and two chimneys; one rebuilt interior-end with a corbeled cap and one stretcher bond exterior-end chimney. The house sits on a solid parged stone foundation and is clad with vinyl German siding. The façade is pierced with ten 6/6 double-hung wood sash windows. The central single-leaf paneled wood door is illuminated with a 9-light transom and 3-light sidelights over a dado panel. The off-center entry contains a single-leaf vertical board door with a 5-light transom. A Queen Anne-style half-hipped roof porch with chamfered wood posts, and lace-like brackets covers the center three bays of the house, including both entries. Other details of the house include its overhanging eaves, wood louvered shutters, and a one-story porch addition on the rear. Two historic outbuildings are associated with this property.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Hoffmanville Store

other

2. Location

street and number 20500 Gunpowder Road _____ not for publication

city, town Millers _____ vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William J. D. Somerville, 3rd and Deborah C. Somerville

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|-------------------|----------------------|-----------|---------------|
| street and number | 20500 Gunpowder Road | telephone | Not Available |
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|------------|---------|-------|----|----------|------------|
| city, town | Millers | state | MD | zip code | 21102-2534 |
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4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 13625 folio 358

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|------------|--------|-----------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| city, town | Towson | tax map 5 | tax parcel 65 | tax ID number | 0603067200 |
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5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Current Function | | Resource Count | |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing | <input type="checkbox"/> Noncontributing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture | <input type="text" value="3"/> | <input type="text" value=""/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> defense | <input type="checkbox"/> religion | <input type="text" value=""/> | <input type="text" value=""/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic | <input type="checkbox"/> social | <input type="text" value=""/> | <input type="text" value=""/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation | <input type="text" value=""/> | <input type="text" value=""/> |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="text" value="3"/> | <input type="text" value=""/> |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown | Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> health care | <input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> other: | | |

7. Description

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Condition

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| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> altered |

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Facing southeast along Gunpowder Road, this dwelling was constructed circa 1860 in a rural setting in a small crossroads community. It is sited on a large grassy lot surrounded by mature trees and shrubs with landscaping around the house. A fence lined the perimeter of the property along the road, which no longer exists except for the numerous stone piers. There are two significant periods of construction to this two-and-a-half story house. The first period consists of a three bay wide building with a side gable asphalt shingle roof and a center passage entrance. The second period of construction was made lateral to the east elevation, adding three additional bays. Today, the house is six bays across, with asymmetrical fenestration, two entrances, and two chimneys, one rebuilt interior-end with a corbeled cap and one stretcher bond exterior-end chimney. The house sits on a solid parged stone foundation and is clad with vinyl German siding. The façade is pierced with ten 6/6 double-hung wood sash windows. The central single-leaf paneled wood door is illuminated with a 9-light transom and 3-light sidelights over a dado panel. The off-center entry contains a single-leaf flush grooved vertical board door with a 5-light transom. A Queen Anne-style half-hipped roof porch with chamfered wood posts, and lace-like brackets covers the center three bays of the house, including both entries. Other details of the house include its overhanging eaves, wood louvered shutters, and a one-story porch addition on the rear.

Two historic outbuildings are associated with this property. First, is a garage/carriage house constructed circa 1920. It is a wood frame building standing one story high and one bay wide on a solid parged foundation. It is clad with wood vertical boards, capped with a shed roof covered with corrugated sheet metal. It features three sliding wood vertical board doors, and exposed roof rafters. A shed addition also clad with vertical board, is located on the side elevation with two sliding wood doors and one 6-light wood casement window. To the rear (northwest of the house) is a circa 1940 wood frame shed. It is two bays wide with one paneled wood door and one 6-light wood awning window. It sits on a cinderblock foundation, and is capped with a shed roof. It has a rear shed addition. The entire wood frame building is clad with wood vertical boards.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance | Check and justify below | | | |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> performing arts | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2000- | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> social history | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime history | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: | |

Specific dates 1860 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1860 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The Hoffmanville Store was historically located in the village of Paper Mill Post Office in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. Although an exact date of construction has not been identified, historic maps and architectural evidence support a circa 1860 construction date. The Sixth District is located in the northwest corner of Baltimore County and is historically known for its rugged landscape, abundant waterpower, and production of wheat, corn, and oats. The store does not appear on the 1850 J.C. Sidney Map of Baltimore County, but is mentioned in deeds as early as 1860.¹ At this time, the store was owned by a member of the Hoffman family, one of the large paper-mill families in the area. William H. Hoffman owned three paper mills in the vicinity, the Clipper, the Gunpowder, and the Rockdale Paper-Mills. In the towns of Paper Mill Post Office and Rockdale, W. H. Hoffman and Sons employed a large percentage of the population, totaling nearly two hundred employees.² Located along Gunpowder Road, the store was first noted on the 1877 Hopkins Atlas. In 1881, Paper Mill Post Office had three churches, public school No. 1, the Spring Grange No. 153, and the store. Oral history indicates that the store was also used as the post office for the town.

¹ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

² J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 870.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Map of Baltimore County. Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915.
Scharf, J. Thomas. *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men*. Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA.
Sidney, J. C. *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys*. Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.

10. Geographical Data

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| Acreage of surveyed property | <u>1.33 Acres</u> | |
| Acreage of historical setting | <u>Unknown</u> | |
| Quadrangle name | <u>Lineboro</u> | Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24,000</u> |

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Hoffmanville Store is located at 20500 Gunpowder Road in Millers in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 5, parcel 65 since its circa 1860.

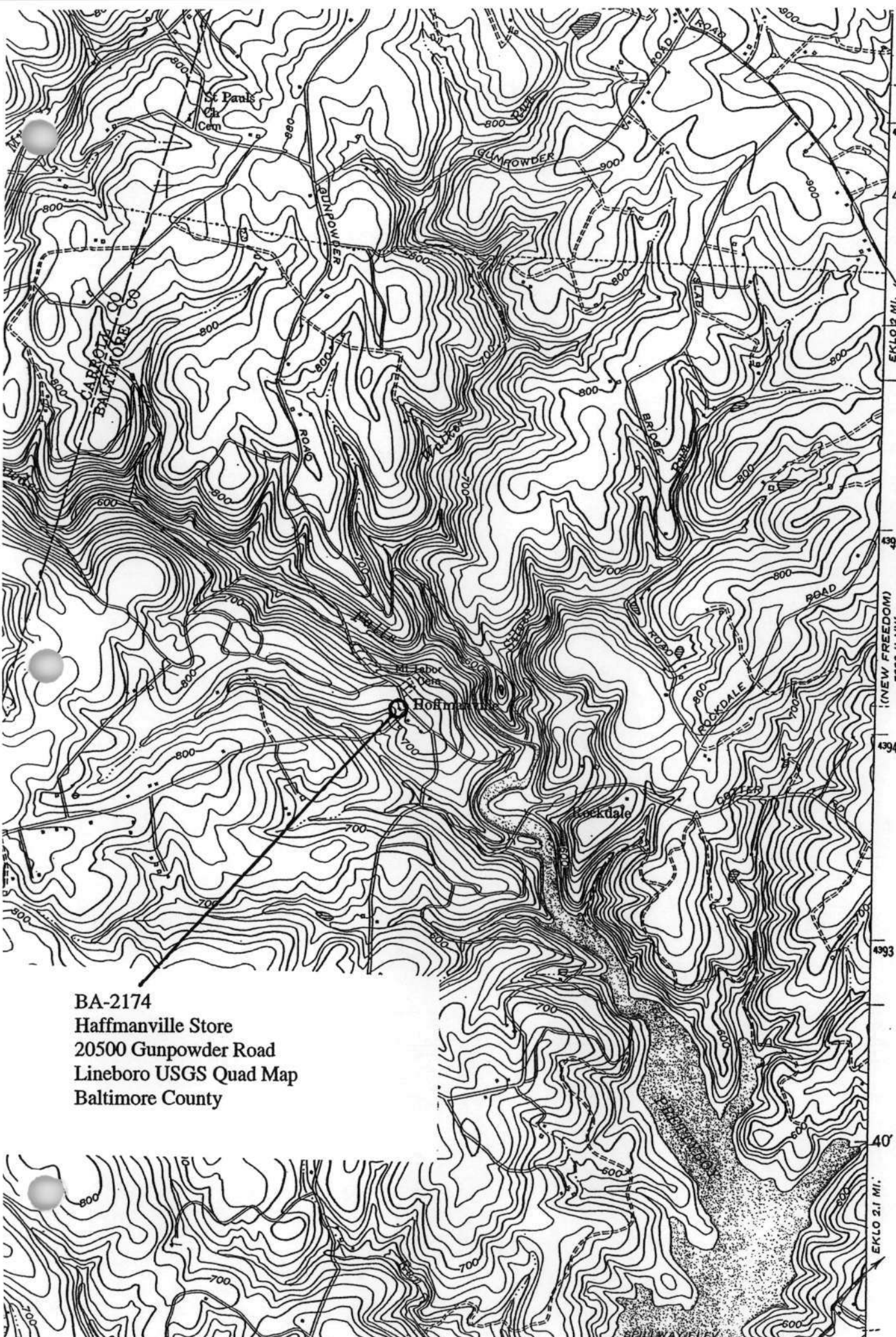
11. Form Prepared by

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|-----------------|--|-----------|-------------------|
| name/title | R. Weidlich and K. Baynard, Architectural Historians | | |
| organization | EHT Traceries, Incorporated | date | February 11, 2002 |
| street & number | 1121 5th Street NW | telephone | 202.393.1199 |
| city or town | Washington | state | DC |

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



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Haffmanville Store
20500 Gunpowder Road
Lineboro USGS Quad Map
Baltimore County



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HOFFMANVILLE STORE

Baltimore County, MD

TRACERIES

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main house, SOUTHEAST

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Hoffmanville Store

Baltimore County, MD

TRACERIES

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MHT

main house, north corner

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Hoffmanville Store
Baltimore County, MD
Traverses
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MHT
main house, east corner
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HOFFMANVILLE STORE

Baltimore County, MD

TRACERIES

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main house, Southwest elevation

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TRAILERIES

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GARAGE, SE ELEVATION

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Hoffmanville Store

Baltimore County, MD

TRACERIES

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SHED. NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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20500 Gunpowder Rd., Millers

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HOFFMANVILLE STORE - 1850-1860 - ~~3700 Alesia Road,~~
~~Hoffmanville.~~ Frame, 2- $\frac{1}{2}$ story, gable roofed house in
vernacular style, with composition shingle covering.
There is no trace of its original use as the company

DISTRICT 6 (CONTINUED)

town store and post office when the village was called
Paper Mills. The store was mentioned in the 1860 deed
for laying out the school house lot. It passed out of
the Hoffman family in 1893. Stands on the tract called
"Paper Mill Hills."

Owner: Robert A. Cromwell.